GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3488
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SCHEDULED TRIBLE STATUS TO BAGARLYAS
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Bagariyas remain an ignored lot` appearing in `The Hindu`, dated July 05,2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to give `Bagariyas` the Scheduled Tribe status;

(d) if so, the time by which the status of Scheduled Tribe is likely to be given to them;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the immediate steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the living condition of Bagariyas?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) In a News item captioned `Bagariyas remain an ignored lot` which appeared in The Hindu dated July 05, 2001, it was alleged that members of Bagariya community suffer from the stigma of un-touchability, majority of them are landless and below the poverty line. They live in thatched huts.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Government have approved the procedure in June 1999, for inclusion ofcommunities in the list of Scheduled Tribes. This procedure envisages that only those cases which have been agreed to by the concerned State Government, Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes andScheduled Tribes are to be considered for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes. In the case of Bagariyas none of the above agencies has recommended its specification as ST.

(f) The Bagariya community has been included in the list of Other Backward Classesin relation to the State of Rajasthan and they are entitled to benefits/concessions available to OBCs.